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VIA ECF

Honorable J. Paul Oetken
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 706
New York, New York 10007

Re: **United States v. Brian Block, 16 Cr. 595 (JPO)**

Dear Judge Oetken:

We represent Brian Block in the above-referenced matter. We write to respectfully request that Mr. Block's self-surrender date, currently scheduled for August 10, 2020 to the minimum-security prison camp at FCI Fairton (SPC Fairton) under this Court's May 6 Order, ECF No. 236, be advanced to July 15, 2020. The Government consents to this request.

Mr. Block recognizes that there are no number of adjournments that he can ask the Court for that will ensure his safety in prison given the "unprecedented and extraordinarily dangerous nature of the COVID-19 pandemic," *United States v. Stephens*, No. 15-cr-95 (AJN) (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 19, 2020), ECF No. 2798, at p. 2. As such, and knowing that there are presently no active cases of COVID-19 at SPC Fairton, Mr. Block seeks to surrender on July 15 so that he can begin serving his sentence and fulfill his sentence expeditiously.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Granted.

Defendant Brian Block is hereby directed to
surrender to SPC Fairton before 2:00 P.M. on July
15, 2020.
So ordered.
July 10, 2020

/s/ Michael C. Miller
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J. PAUL OETKEN
United States District Judge